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Madras, in cases of high blood pressure and was found effective but gave rise to giddiness in some cases. The root has also been claimed to be an anti-dote for snakebite by ancient writers."

Amount granted for adult education, assignment of waste land, etc., in North Arcot district in 1952.

* 1062 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount granted for each of the following items in North Arcot district in 1952—

(1) Adult Education, (2) Assignment of Waste Land, (3) Acquisition of private waste lands, (4) Irrigation and (5) Road Development; and

(*b*) the amount actually spent under each head?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The budget allotments are not made by districts. They are made for the State as a whole, and the Heads of Departments distribute the allotments, with reference to the needs of each district.

" (*b*) The expenditure incurred in 1952–53 in the North Arcot district was roughly as follows :—

	RS.
(1) Adult Education	4,000
(2) Assignment of waste lands	Nil.
(3) Acquisition of private waste lands	Nil.
(4) Irrigation	6,20,100
(5) Road Development (Schemes included in the Five-Year Plan)	5,47,100
	11,71,200"

Minor irrigation schemes in Attappady, Malabar.

* 1063 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal has been received by the Government from the Malabar Food Production Committee for starting minor irrigation schemes in Attapaddy in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what the schemes are and what decisions have been taken by the Government on the proposals?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The District Food Production Committee recommended to the Collector of Malabar two schemes to be taken up in the Attappady Valley.

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"(b) (1) Construction of an anicut across the Siruvani (2) Construction of a reservoir across the Varagar. As the streams are tributaries of the Bhavani river, the proposals have been deferred till it could be established that adequate supply would be available for the schemes without affecting the interests of the Lower Bhavani Project nearing completion."

Leasing out of waste lands in Kuthali Nayar's Estate. North Malabar.

* 1064 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land in Kuthali Nayar's Estate, North Malabar which is under litigation;

(*b*) what, if any, is the extent of wet lands included in the subject-matter of litigation;

(*c*) the conditions under which the Government lease out wet lands and waste lands included in the estate for cultivation;

(*d*) whether the Government have any scheme to bring under cultivation, waste lands included in the estate;

(*e*) whether any applications have been received for permission to cultivate waste lands included in the estate from persons of the locality; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) The title and ownership of the Pillapperuvanna Malavaram is in dispute. This is an unsurveyed forest area measuring roughly about 30,000 acres in extent.

"(*b*) No wet land as such is included in the subject-matter of litigation.

"(*c*) Lands under the Estate are granted under two kinds of leases—

(1) Lease on permanent tenure fixing a period of five years at a time; and

(2) Annual lease on temporary permits.

Lands other than forests are leased out on permanent tenure on executing indenture deeds renewable every five years. Annual leases are granted on temporary permits only in respect of lands in Vallippetta Melavaram. These temporary grants are charged at a flat rate of Rs. 5–12–0 per acre in respect of lands fit for cultivation of wet crops and at Rs. 2–4–0 per acre for other lands. The varam rent fixed is inclusive of assessment and cesses.

"(*d*) The intention of the Government is to grant the waste lands in Vallippetta Malavaram permanently to *bona fide* cultivators. This question is kept in abeyance pending finalizaton of the survey of the area.

"(*e*) Yes, Sir.

"(*f*) The matter is under consideration."